

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 6, 8-11, 21, 12-20, 22-25 (renumbered 1-20, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20070227.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ansel M. Schwartz on 12/4/06.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 5, replace "node/link" with --node and link--. Lines 7 and 9, replace "types of routing paths" with --different routing paths--. Line 9, replace "the first ring" with --wherein a first ring--. Line 10, replace "the second ring" with --a second ring--. Line 11, replace "the medium flow" with --a medium flow--. Line 13, replace "or output" with --and output--.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 2, replace "a transmitter/receiver" with --a transmitter and a receiver--.

Claim 9, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 2, replace "a transmitter/receiver" with --a transmitter and a receiver--.

Claim 10, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 4, replace "nodes/links" with --nodes and links--.

Claim 11, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 4, replace "'distant'" with --distant--.

Claim 12, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

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Claim 13, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 3, replace "nodes/links" with --nodes and links--.

Claim 15, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 3, replace "nodes/links" with --nodes and links--.

Claim 16, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 3, replace "nodes/links" with --nodes and links--.

Claim 17, lines 2 and 3, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 18, lines 2 and 3, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 19, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete the first "wherein each".

Claim 22, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--.

Claim 23, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 4, replace "and/or" with --and--.

Claim 24, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 4, replace "and/or" with --and--.

Claim 25, line 1, replace "Claim 5" with --Claim 1--. Line 3, replace "and/or" with --and--.

Conclusion

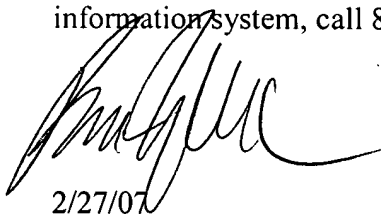
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3084.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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